

CHAPTER 3.

CUSTODY OF THE RECORDS OF THE PUBLIC SURVEYS.

AN ACT to Provide for the Custody of the Records of the Public Surveys of this State. JANUARY 31.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That it is made the duty of the Register of the State Land-Office, to receive any field-notes, maps, records, or other papers, relating to the public surveys of this State, whenever the same shall be turned over to the State, in pursuance of an act of Congress, entitled, "An act for the discontinuance of the office of surveyor-general, in the several districts as soon as the surveys therein can be completed, for abolishing land-offices under certain circumstances, and for other purposes," approved June 12, 1840, and any act amendatory thereof. Register of State Land Office to receive papers of public surveys.

SEC. 2. That the Register of the State Land-Office shall provide for their safe keeping and proper arrangement as public records; and free access to the same by the lawful authority of the United States, for the purpose of taking extracts therefrom, or making copies thereof, shall always be granted. To provide for their safe keeping. U. S. to have access to the same.

SEC. 3. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Daily State Register and Iowa Evening Statesman. Publication.

Approved January 31, 1868.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily State Register* February 1, 1868, and in the *Iowa Evening Statesman* February 3, 1868.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 4.

SCHOOL LANDS IN LIEU OF THE SIXTEENTH SECTION.

AN ACT to Authorize J. A. Harvey to procure Certificates of Lands selected in lieu of the Sixteenth Section. JANUARY 31.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That J. A. Harvey, commissioner for the State of Iowa, under chapter 79, laws of the Commissioner J. A. Harvey to pro-

cure certified Eleventh General Assembly, is hereby authorized to
 lists of lands procure from the Department of the Interior, a certified
 selected in list, or certified lists, of the school lands which have
 lieu of sec- been selected in lieu of section sixteen, under an act of
 tion 16. Congress, approved February 26, 1859, entitled an "act
 1866, ch. 79. to authorize settlers upon sixteen and thirty-sixth
 sections, who settled before the surveys of the public
 lands, to pre-empt their settlement," and the act
 Proviso. approved June 15, 1844: *provided*, that the said J. A.
 Harvey shall obtain said certification of land while in
 Washington attending to other duties of his commis-
 sion, and without addition to his pay.
 Publication. SEC. 2. This act shall be in force after its publication
 in the Daily State Register and Iowa Evening States-
 man, newspapers published at Des Moines.
 Approved January 31, 1868.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily State Register* February 2, 1868, and in the *Iowa Evening Statesman* February 3, 1868.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State*.

CHAPTER 5.

LEGALIZING THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL-DISTRICT OF DECORAH.

FEBRUARY 3. AN ACT Legalizing the Organization of the Independent School-District of Decorah.

Preamble. WHEREAS, In the month of March, A. D. 1862, the legal voters of the town of Decorah, in the county of Winneshiek, and State of Iowa, by virtue of sections
 Rev. §§ 2097 2097 and 2098, of the revised Code of 1860, decided
 and 2098. by ballot to form an independent school-district, of the territory included within the corporate limits of
 Rev. § 2099. said town, and afterward by virtue of section 2099 of said revised Code, the said voters met and elected by ballot, the officers designateds in said section 2099.

WHEREAS, The said town of Decorah, on or about the year A. D. 1857, did organize as a municipal corporation, under the provisions of chapter 42 of the Code of 1851, and by the charter adopted under said organization, the officers consisted of a president, six trustees, secretary and treasurer; and